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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Foreign Intelligence Council  
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SUBJECT: Establishment of the DCI Counternarcotics Center  
and the DCI Committee on Narcotics Intelligence  
Issues

1. I have created a DCI Counternarcotics Center and intend to establish a DCI Committee on Narcotics Intelligence Issues to improve the planning, coordination, management and effectiveness of counternarcotics activities within the Intelligence Community. The Director of the DCI Counternarcotics Center also serves as my Special Assistant for Counternarcotics and in that capacity will chair the DCI Committee. He will serve as my spokesman on counternarcotics issues within and outside the Intelligence Community.

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3. The DCI Committee on Narcotics Intelligence Issues will provide senior level advice and guidance on counternarcotics intelligence issues. This Committee will be formed within the existing Intelligence Community Staff structure and as noted will be chaired by my Special Assistant for Counternarcotics. Senior representatives from each Intelligence Community agency and the Intelligence Community Staff will sit as members of this Committee. The counternarcotics enforcement and policy agencies will be invited to send senior representatives as observers. A draft Director of Central Intelligence Directive (DCID) describing the new Committee will be provided soon for your comments.

4. I strongly believe the time is clearly here for us to bring together the members of the Intelligence Community with the law enforcement agencies on this issue and that in so doing we can achieve substantial improvement in meeting the needs posed by the national threat from narcotics. We unfortunately confront these challenges at a time when our resources are already stretched thin. Therefore, it is imperative that we pool our talents and implement a Community-wide organization to coordinate efforts on the broad range of counternarcotics intelligence issues.



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